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You bloom where you are planted

By Master Sgt. Jessica D'Aurizio
Wing Public Affairs

Col. Jack Ihle, 917th Wing commander has been selected for promotion to brigadier general. Ihle received a call in January from Maj. Gen. John Bradley, 10th Air Force commander informing him of his selection.

When asked his feeling, Ihle said, he was happy and very fortunate to have had great folks working with him and for him throughout his career. He attributes his promotion to excellent support, getting his Professional Military Education done, and doing his best in every job. Although he has had operational jobs for most of his career, he said that his headquarters job gave him a broader picture of Air Force Reserve Command.

"I watched my mentors -- Maj. Gen. John Bradley, 10th Air Force commander and Director of Plans and Programs Brig. Gen. David Tanzi, AFRC, run their wing or office and learned from the things they did right," said Ihle.

"If you don't treat people right, they will be unhappy and unproductive," he said. "You have to do everything right, plus the deserved extras, like giving medals and B-52 incentive flights." Not only did he receive support from fellow officers, his wife supported him for the 31 years of active and reserve duty.

"She took care of the kids, and everything while I was TDY." He and Donna have two children, Julie and Kevin. Julie is now married, living in the Dallas area, and expecting the Ihle's first grandchild, and Kevin is working in Hawaii.

"Usually the kids get upset when I call early and wake them up, but when I delivered the news about Jack's promotion it didn't seem to bother them a bit that I had called early," said Donna. "Col. Ihle and his wife were married before he was commissioned though ROTC at Ohio State University. She enjoyed the life of an active duty officer because of the places

they were able to go.

"The military helps develop well rounded children," said Donna. "They are educated by the different places they go and the different people they meet." Even though she enjoyed the variety of places they lived during her husband's active duty, she felt it was good to finally establish roots in one area.

"I live by the motto 'You bloom where you are planted'," said



COURTESY PHOTOS

Lt. Col. Jack Ihle upon return to the 917th from Desert Storm.



Capt. Jack Ihle joins the 917th in 1977.

Donna. "We are happy about the promotion, he has worked hard for it." The main thing that he learned was that treating people right is a key to success.

A message from the
Operations Group Commander

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It's not a new concept or term as it has been around since the 70's. This summer, 1 June to 31 Aug, we will get to witness first hand what this actually means. You might give some thought to what it means to you right now, before we are integrated into the 2d Bomb Wing and 20th Bomb Squadron for support of AEF 7. We are tasked to provide two B-52s and two aircrews to man them. We also assume some part of the maintenance complex will also be tasked. The requirements will all be worked out at the planning conference to be held the middle of March.

To me Total Force means we will be tasked for our fair share of positions to support the two aircraft, and we should insist that we get a fair share.

If we would be tasked to employ/deploy during that time period, we should fit right in with our active duty counterparts. We should be indistinguishable from anyone else, except we may look older and have more rank, because we typically do. This is not the time to insist on doing things "our way" or to argue about minutia. Work together to get the job done, and put the "bombs on target." On the other hand, if conflicts do arise, let supervision know about it, so the problems can be resolved at the proper level.

Day to day, in the 917th Wing, we do things differently because we have to support the traditional reservists and our unique training requirements and availability. During AEF 7 those unique require-



Col. Gerald F. Werth

ments all go away. Technically we are ALL on active duty during that time. Wear your "reserve uniform" proudly, but not arrogantly. Be proud of what you do, and how you do it...as the "professionals" that you are. Thanks for being a reservist-a Total Force team player-a citizen soldier!

Chaplain's Corner: Finding Time

By Chaplain (Maj.) Bill Willis, Sr.

Sometimes life seems so busy there just isn't enough time to get everything done, and then we come to our monthly UTA and the demands double!

How do we cope?

I enjoy reading a devotional book by Brian Bauknight called On a Wing and a Prayer. Sometimes I even share it with our Security Forces on UTA Sunday mornings. "On a wing and a prayer" is often an apt description of my life especially as I serve God and country in the Air Force Reserve.

Prayer is that essential and sacred communication with God that keeps the lift under our wings in the midst of our busy lives. And we don't have to look far to find opportunities for prayer. On March 3rd a World Day of Prayer will be observed by many people of faith. Our chapel section also holds a monthly Prayer Breakfast at the Red River Dining Hall at 6 a.m. each UTA Saturday. All personnel are invited to join us to feed both body and soul.

During this New Year, be sure to take time out from all our busyness to pray and feel God's Holy Spirit provide lift to your wings.

"...they will soar on wings like eagles..."
Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

Walking is as good as jogging



If you're covering the distance at the same speed, walking is as beneficial as jogging. At about 4.5 miles per hour, you're walking at a fast pace... which could easily break into a jog. But you're expending as much effort walking at this clip as jogging, and it's probably easier on your knees.

Studies have shown that the energy demands of walking at a fast clip and jogging at the same pace are virtually the same. *Health, October 1998*

Golf shirts for sale

The 917th has golf shirts available for order with the wing patch embroidered over the heart. The shirts are available in white and navy at a cost of \$20.

If you would like the shirt in a different color, there must be 11 other people wanting that color. To order your shirts, contact Major Steve Powell at 456-8300 or Master Sgt. Tina Chasteen at 456-9016.

Interested in the Honor Guard?

An orientation class for anyone interested in participating in the Barksdale Honor Guard is scheduled for March 4 at 1:30 p.m. in Bldg. 7268. Interested personnel working the alternate UTA can make arrangements through the Honor Guard office in advance of the scheduled UTA.

For more information contact Master Sgt. Laura Conners at 456-5246.

Computer classes resume

Computer classes for the year 2000 start in April.

April 1, 9 a.m.-noon	Intermediate Word
April 1, 1-4 p.m.	Intermediate Outlook

April 2, 9 a.m.-noon	Intermediate Excel
April 8, 9 a.m.-noon	Intermediate Word
April 9, 9 a.m.-noon	Intermediate Outlook

May 7, 9 a.m.-noon	Web Design
May 20, 9 a.m.-noon	Intermediate Excel
May 21, 9 a.m.-noon	Intermediate Access

June 3, 9 a.m.-noon	Intermediate Word
June 3, 1-4 p.m.	Intermediate Outlook

June 4, 9 a.m.-noon	Intermediate Excel
June 10, 9 a.m.-noon	Intermediate PowerPoint

June 11, 9 a.m.-noon	Web Design
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Anyone interested in attending a class can contact Senior Master Sgt. Margaret Mayweather at 456-9859 or Capt. Janice Sneed at 456-8983.

Update wills and powers of attorney before deploying

Members of the Wing who are deployable need to have valid wills and powers of attorney. The legal office recently noticed that many members do not have these required forms.

To assist all members, a will

worksheet is available on the Wing's website. The form can be completed and dropped off at the legal office in Bldg. 6803, Rm. 159. For more information, contact Maj. Terry Garth at 456-8144.

Sign-up for the Commander's Cup Golf Tournament

The 917th Wing Commander's Cup Golf Tournament is May 6.

The tournament is a shotgun start, four person scramble. Tee off time is 2 p.m. The cost per player is \$20 plus green fees. Teams can sign-up with any committee member: Jessica D'Aurizio (Public Affairs), Allen Atkins (Quality Assurance), Greg Steele, Johnnie Gilbert or Lorne Ward (93rd Maintenance), Pete Bretzman, John Reser, or Kenny Potter (Logistics), Mike Duell (47th Fighter Squadron).

The tournament is at the Barksdale AFB golf course. Following the tournament, a dinner will be served at the clubhouse with prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Last Places, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin and Most Accurate Drive. Door prizes will also be given at this time.

Weapon qualifications cancelled for the March UTA

All firing for the March UTA is cancelled and rescheduled for April.

Once firing has resumed in April please report with your AF Form 522. This form is required for all members to perform firing qualifications.

Everyone welcome

A group of Wing personnel meet at the enlisted Club at 8:30 p.m. each Saturday of the main UTA. The group's goal is to promote morale within the Wing.

Everyone is invited to attend. For more information contact Tech. Sgt. Richelle Walter at 456-9284.

Women's History month luncheon at Enlisted Club

The Women's History Month Committee invites all Barksdale personnel and their family members to a luncheon March 7 at 11:30 a.m. to celebrate women's history.

The luncheon will be at the Enlisted Club and the guest speaker is Brig. Gen. Sharla Cook, Commander of the 82d

Training Wing at Sheppard AFB, Texas.

Tickets are \$8 per person and can be purchased from Master Sgt. Mary Castro at 456-9806.

Air Force Computer Security Awareness training mandatory

Air Force Computer Security briefings will be at the base theater.

March 1 - 9, 10, and 11 a.m., 1, 2, and 3 p.m.

March 4 - 8, 9, and 10 a.m. and 1 and 2 p.m.

March 5 - 8, 9, 10 and 11 a.m.

March 11 - 8, 9, and 10 a.m. and 1 and 2 p.m.

March 12 - 8, 9 and 10 a.m.

For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. James Monk at 456-7122.

Sign-up for 3-on-3 Family Day basketball tournament

A 3-on-3 double elimination basketball tournament is scheduled for May 6 at 1 p.m. The tournament is at the base gym during Family Day. All 917th members and their families are invited to participate.

For more information contact Master Sgt. Anthony Whitaker at 456-9108 or Tech. Sgt. Ronald Brantley at 456-9513.

Help design a Gator Fest logo

Maintenance personnel throughout the Wing are creating an awards ceremony that will take place annually called the Maintenance Gator Fest.

Currently, they are in the process of creating a logo for this ceremony. If you would like to join the contest please submit your ideas to any maintenance superintendent by April 2.

Two free tickets will be given to Gator Fest 2000 for the winning logo. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Pete Bretzman at 456-9082.

Krewe of Gemini parade closes gate on March 4

The Krewe of Gemini Parade starts March 4 at 5 p.m. The main (west) gate will close approximately one hour before the parade starts. Traffic leaving the North gate will not be able to cross Airline Drive, but will be detoured on Old Minden to Industrial Drive.



PHOTO BY MRS. BETTY STEPHENS

Master Sgt. Larry Giles, 917th Wing recruiters office manager, Senior Airman Anthony Evans, an applicant enlisting into the reserve from active duty, and Master Sgt. Joseph Menna, Jr., 917th Wing in-service recruiter.

**By Mrs. Betty Stephens
Wing Public Affairs**

Two 917th Wing Reserve recruiters welcomed the new fiscal year by earning top awards at the Air Force Reserve National Recruiting Conference held in New Orleans, La.

Master Sgts. Joseph D. Menna Jr. and Larry G. Giles earned top honors in their individual fields. Among 15 in-service recruiters, Menna earned the first place award in the in-service recruiters' field for the first quarter of fiscal year 2000. This award is given to the top in-service recruiter for putting in the most recruits.

"When the announcer said, 'the winner of the first place in-service award is,' I kind of looked around, and when my name was called, I was shocked," said Menna. "I felt great! It was unexpected."

917th recruiters' hard work pays big

Recruiters take home top awards at conference in New Orleans for recruiting above and beyond

According to Senior Master Sgt. Jon L. Brasher, senior recruiter, Menna is a new kid on the block with in-service recruiting, and he is already averaging six recruits a month. "His job is to keep them in the blue uniform. When airmen decide to leave active duty, Menna keeps abreast of all job openings in the Air Force Reserve and fills them with fully qualified applicants," he said. "This saves military tax dollars in training."

Giles, the 917th Wing recruiting office manager, has earned a Top 50 Superior Achievement Award for the fourth time in five years.

"Giles would be considered as the most valuable player serving as the office manager. He assists all the other recruiters with training and leading by example," Brasher said. "I can always count on him to help get the job done no matter what."

Giles said he likes what he is doing, and as a Christian, wants to do the best he can in what God wants him to do. "I feel good knowing that the Air Force Reserve takes notice of our hard work and wants to award us for a job well done," he said.

917th reservist helps build self esteem

**By Mrs. Belinda Bazinet
Wing Public Affairs**

Volunteers make real differences in the lives of real people.

Tech. Sgt. Shirley Getter, an Air Reserve Technician administrative assistant with the 47th Fighter Squadron and a volunteer with the Mental Health Association, touches the lives of local children. "I go to elementary schools and talk to third graders about self esteem."

The Mental Health program targets third graders because children are at their most impressionable, Getter said. "It's easy to get hyped about the program because the children are so sweet."

A career volunteer, Getter got involved with the Mental Health program three years ago after hearing a plea for volunteers on the television. After training, she began to teach children that it's okay to be different.

a film about being different, Getter lets the children know that it's okay to have bad feelings. "I try to help them learn the difference between bad and good feelings," she said. "I also tell them to talk to someone if they're feeling down."

Following the class, the children receive a badge proclaiming that 'I'm Thumbdoy.'

"Sometimes I wear my uniform to the school," she said. "At first the boys would tell me that they wanted to be football players, but after seeing me in uniform, some have decided to join the military."

Getter also volunteers with the Boys and Girls Club in Jack's Quarters. "It's a program to keep kids off the street during the summer," she said. "I love working with children, and I see myself doing things like this for the rest of my life."



PHOTO BY MRS. BELINDA BAZINET

Stephanie Evan and Tech. Sgt. Shirley Getter, 917th Logistics Squadron, non-commissioned officer in charge of unit personnel at Bellaire Elementary School performing an exercise called washing clothes. The exercise helps kids talk about negative feelings and helps them replace them with good feeling.

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PHOTOS BY MASTER SGT. GREG STEELE

Left: Staff Sgt. Dan Shaw, 917th Maintenance Squadron, aircraft inspector, performs a wash on a B-52 engine cover as a video team records his actions for a training tape on aircraft corrosion control. Top: Tech. Sgt. David Cates, 917th Maintenance Squadron, aircraft inspector, demonstrates how to prepare an engine cowling for washing.

Training video designed to prevent aircraft corrosion

**By Master Sgt. Greg Steele
93rd Bomb Squadron UPAR**

In 1997, the Air Force spent \$628 million on its corrosion control program. In an attempt to save money and educate personnel on the proper washing/corrosion control procedures for aircraft, the Air Force is producing a training enhancement video that will be used by both the Air Force and the Air Force Reserve Command.

In February, members of the 367th Training Support Squadron, Media

Production Flight, Hill AFB, Utah, visited Barksdale to video the wash of one of the 93rd Bomb Squadron's B-52s. Ten members from the 917th B-52 Phase Dock volunteered their time to help make this video.

"The purpose of a wash is to clean the aircraft so that you are able to inspect it for possible corrosion" said Tech. Sgt. David Cates, B-52 Phase Dock, aircraft inspector. "It is important to be able to identify corrosion and determine what

type of corrosion it is so you are able to make the necessary repairs to the aircraft."

The B-52 was just one of many aircraft used in the making of the video. "The 93rd Bomb Squadron was selected to represent the bomber community for active duty and the reserve," said Master Sgt. Eddie Hoek, B-52 Phase Dock chief.

The video will teach first-term airmen the importance of corrosion control. It is scheduled to be released in the year 2001.

Maintenance Squadron selected for Effectiveness Award

**By Mrs. Belinda Bazinet
Wing Public Affairs**

The 917th Maintenance Squadron has been selected to receive the Maintenance Effectiveness Award for 1999 by accomplishing its' mission with a maximum degree of war readiness.

A few of the squadron's accomplishments include winning one of only five Chief of Staff Team Excellence Awards for the Self Inspection Tracking System. "The 917th has an excellent program that not only increases their mission effectiveness, but is also available to other units,"

Brig. Gen. Lawrence Sheehan, senior CSTE judge, said.

The Maintenance Squadron also deployed with both the 93rd Bomb Squadron and 47th Fighter Squadron. During exercise Tandem Thrust, Cope Thunder and a Luke AFB, Ariz. Deployment, no sorties were lost due to maintenance, and all ordnance planned were successfully dropped.

The AFRC Regional Paint Facility came on line in 1999, and the maintenance squadron stepped forward to take the lead in maximizing the Air Force's scarce resources. The squadron reduced the cost per

paint job from \$100,000 to \$10,000, saving \$90,000 which can be reallocated to help alleviate budgetary shortfalls, the award nomination cited.

The squadron exceeded the production goal set of overhauling 24 TF-34 engines during FY '99. In addition to overhauling 31 A-10 engines, engine personnel also maintain all required TF-33 engine phases for the B-52H aircraft. "This is the most flexible maintenance squadrons in the Air Force," the nomination noted.

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Getter said she would encourage anyone to get involved with a volunteering program. "Children need to be talked and listened to," she said. "They are the future leaders of our world."

Volunteers are currently needed for the Mental Health Association program. If interested, please contact Suzy Johnson at 869-0502.

Voices: What do you think about the plan that requires all government employees to carry the government credit card?



Capt. Thaldaris Talley
Security Forces Squadron

"We have a duty to follow regulations, policies, instructions and orders. More importantly, this card is made available to us for official travel and business. Let's do our professional duty."



Airman Casey Robertson
Mission Support Squadron

"I feel only the government employees who do a lot of traveling or are going to school should have a government credit card. This will help them be prepared."



Tech. Sgt. Steve Caponera
47th Fighter Squadron

"I'm opposed to it. There are so many problems with people misusing the government credit card. It shouldn't be forced on people."



Tech. Sgt. Bruce Beck
47th Fighter Squadron

"I don't like that we are made to use the government credit card. I prefer the old system: cash in hand, then you don't have to worry about the bill coming."

Travel card policy takes effect March 1

By Staff Sgt. Cynthia Miller

Headquarters United States Air Force

WASHINGTON – DOD policy is being finalized mandating federal employees, including military members, to no longer use their personal credit charge cards for authorized expenses while on official government travel.

Use of the government Visa travel card becomes mandatory March 1.

DoD employees will be required to use the government travel card primarily for hotel costs, car rentals and air travel.

"These services were selected because all major airlines, hotels and car rental companies will accept the government travel card," said Weber.

"It may be difficult to use the card at

some of the smaller merchant stores. For that reason, card use is not required for such expenses as restaurant meals and other miscellaneous incidental items," he said.

The government gets a rebate based on the amount of charges against the card. "That rebate is used by [the Government Services Agency] for manning the program," Weber said, "and the [Air Force portion] of the rebate is given back to each major command to be put in their travel budget."

Despite the convenience of using the government Visa card, its mandatory use has evoked some criticism. Questions have been asked about the charging of interest rates on overdue balances, especially on long deployments.

"By contract, the bank can't charge interest on overdue balances," Mr. Weber said. "That's why we don't call it a credit card – it's a travel card. After 120 days, you would be charged a \$20 late fee, but that's way late in the process."

Although use of the travel card is mandatory, punitive actions for those who fail to use it remains at the unit commander's discretion.

"Rumors are going around that if travelers do not use the travel card, they will not be reimbursed on their travel voucher," Weber said. "Travelers will be reimbursed when vouchers are submitted, regardless of card use. However, by not using the card, they would be in violation of the law and could be subject to disciplinary action."

AFOATS calls in the Guard and Reserve

By 1st Lt. Kristi L. Beckman

Air University Public Affairs

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. (AFPN)—Air Force Officer Accession and Training Schools is calling in the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve to teach future Air Force officers.

AFOATS establish a program to hire qualified Guard and Reserve members for instructor positions on a voluntary recall to active duty.

According to Brig. Gen. John Speigel, AFOATS commander, the program was created to take advantage of the talent in the air reserve component.

Available positions will include assistant professors of aerospace studies for Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps detachments located at 143 colleges and universities throughout the

United States and Puerto Rico, and flight training officers for Officer Training School, located at Maxwell Air Force Base and Gunter Annex in Montgomery, Ala.

Teams from AFOATS will travel to approximately 40 installations this year to talk to senior lieutenants, captains and their spouses about these special duty assignments. Target installations include those co-located with major guard/reserve units.

Interested ARC officers must meet the eligibility criteria listed in AFI 36-2008. This includes not having accepted Voluntary Separation Incentive/Special Separation Benefit upon separation from active duty, not having been passed over twice for promotion and not being close to the 18-year sanctuary point.

For more information contact Earl Tinsley or Sue Kull at Air Education and Training Command at DSN 487-4180 or (210) 652-4180.

917th Wing Training Schedule

March UTA 4-5

Time	Event	Location
Saturday		
0600	UTA prayer breakfast	Red River Inn Dining
0630-0700	Sign in	Assigned unit
0700	Wing staff meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
0700-0830	Intro -- all newcomers	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0730	Long & Short fly physicals	Flight surgeon office
0730-1030	Immunizations	Base hospital
0800	Physicals (non-fly)	Base hospital foyer
0800	Chem. Warfare Refresher	Hanger 7
0900-1000	Yellow fever shots	Base hospital
0900	Anti-terrorism training	Bldg. 6803, Rm 227
0900	OJT meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 123
0930, 1030 & 1330	Family readiness briefing	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 17
1000	First sergeants meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1000	Unit deploy managers	Bldg. 6803, Rm 227
1200-1430	Immunizations	47th Hanger
1300	Chem. Warfare Refresher	Hanger 7
1300	Wing safety training	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1330	New supervisor's safety training	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1515	Officer's Call	O-Club
1550-1615	Sign-out 1550 -- MS	1600 -- CES, MSS, WG 1610 -- LG
Sunday		
0630-0700	Sign in	Assigned Unit
0800	Human Relations	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0800	Initial Chem. Warfare	Hanger 7
0800-1200	EO 2000	Bldg. 4714, 3rd Floor
0830 & 1230	EOC testing	Bldg. 4314, 3rd floor
0900	Web Masters meeting	Bldg. 6815, T-Net Room
0900	Substance Abuse	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0900	Unit advisory council	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
0900	Catholic Mass	Base Chapel 2
1015-1100	Protestant services	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1030	Family readiness briefing	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 17
1300	LSS Commander's Call	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1300	Eyeglass inserts	Bldg. 4845 (by hospital)
1300	Flightline drivers training	Bldg. 6825, Rm. 243
1300	SORTS meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1500	Wing Commander's call	A-10 Hanger
1550-1615	Sign-out 1550 -- MS	1600 -- CES, MSS, WG 1610 -- LG

Know anyone who is looking for a recruiter?

Barksdale AFB, La.

Master Sgt. Larry Giles
Master Sgt. Joe Menna
1-800-241-4071

Little Rock AFB, Ark.

Master Sgt. Kris Jaso
501-987-7188

Mesquite/Tyler, Texas

Staff Sgt. Brian Mobely
972-681-6384/903-534-8618

Shreveport, La.

Tech. Sgt. Don Copeland
318-683-0331

Texarkana, Texas

Staff Sgt. TeNeuss Land
903-223-7030

Monroe, La.

Master Sgt. James Headrick
318-323-1898

SERVICES

917th Military Personnel Flight

Bldg. 6803, Room 140, ext. 9205

Saturday

7 - 11 a.m. - Newcomers in-processing.
11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - All customer service functions (open during lunch)

Sunday

7 - 8 a.m. - Closed for training.
8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - All customer service functions (open during lunch)
2:30 - 4 p.m. - Closed for training.

Monday - Friday

7 a.m. - 4 p.m. All service.

NOTE: Customer Service functions include in & out processing, ID cards, DEERS, DD93s, SGLI, Vehicle Decals, Record Reviews, etc.

Base Billeting

Bldg. 5155, 456-3091/3092

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week (reservations required).

Chaplain

Bldg. 6803, Room 239, 456-9179

Saturday & Sunday - 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Red River Dining Hall

Bldg. 4631

Breakfast - 5:30 - 6:30 a.m.

Lunch MS - 11 - 1

47FS - 11:45 WG - 11

MSS - 11:45 93 BS - 11:15

CES - noon SFS - 12:15

Shuttle service to the dining hall runs every 20 minutes starting at 11 a.m.. Pick-up points are Bldg. 6850 and Bldg. 6825 (northeast side of Bldg. 6803)

NOTE: You must show ID card, newcomer's letter or DD form 1172.

Family Readiness Center

Bldg. 4713

Saturday & Sunday - 8 - 11 a.m.

Military drivers license

Military drivers license issue is available on the main UTA in Bldg. 6825, Rm. 240. Issue hours are as follows:

Saturday & Sunday noon - 2 p.m.

Lodging

For information on official or space A lodging call 1-888-AF-LODGE. Once the automated system answers, key in the first three letters of the base you are trying to reach.

Military Pay

Main UTA hours of operation:

Sat. 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sun. 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Mudbugs treat Barksdale to special day

Story and photos by Master Sgt. Jessica D'Aurizio
Wing Public Affairs

The Shreveport Mudbugs honored Barksdale Air Force Base with a special night at Hirsch Coliseum Feb. 5. Over 600 military members and their family and friends attended the hockey game.

The game started with 2nd Lt. Sarah Cantrell, 96th Bomb Squadron, singing the *National Anthem* as the Barksdale Honor Guard presented the Colors. According to the Mudbugs Sales Manager Christopher Wright, the Mudbugs would like to have two military days per season in the future.

"This was my first hockey game," said Lt. Col. Jerry Fulgham. "Even though I didn't understand everything they were doing, it was very exciting." The Mudbugs matched the Corpus Christi Ice Rays goal for goal until a shootout, which gave the Ice Rays the win with a 6-5 score.

"It was great how the active-duty and Reserve sat side by side to watch the game," said Senior Airman Shannon Collins, 917th Wing. "The game was fast paced and exciting; it was the first time I saw a live hockey game go into overtime."



Tech. Sgt. Harold Starkey, 917 personnel clerk, enjoys the Mudbugs hockey game on Feb. 5.



Carole Little, 917th Logistics Squadron, budget analyst, holds granddaughter Connor Moore during the shootout between the Shreveport Mudbugs and the Corpus Christi Ice Rays at Hirsch Coliseum.

This was a great opportunity for the Barksdale community to enjoy a Hockey game, and for some it was the first time to see a game," said Master Sgt. Greg Jackson, 11th Bomb Squadron. "I believe the Shreveport community also enjoyed seeing that we too support Shreveport and the Mudbugs."

Newcomers

93rd Bomb Squadron

Master Sgt. Kirk Lieder, Waco, Texas
Staff Sgt. Wayne Southam, Bossier City, La.
Senior Airman Thomas Taylor, Boyle, Miss.
Senior Airman Christopher Bright, Flint Texas
Airman 1st Class Elizabeth Maxwell, Bossier City

917th Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Johnny Cunefare, Shreveport, La.
Senior Airman Matthew Himes, Cedar Hill, Texas

917th Security Forces Squadron

Staff Sgt. Clance Creal, Jr., Shreveport, La.
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Senior Airman Troy Greeness, Marshall, Texas

47th Fighter Squadron

Senior Airman Tony Lambert, Easton, Texas

917th Logistics Support Squadron

Airman 1st Class Adricka McCray

UTA Schedule

Main

Mar. 4-5
Apr. 1-2
May 6-7
June 3-4
July 8-9
August 5-6
Sept. 9-10
Oct. 14-15
Nov. 4-5
Dec. 2-3

Alternate

Mar. 11-12
Apr. 8-9
May 20-21
June 10-11
July 15-16
August 12-13
Sept. 16-17
Oct. 21-22
Nov. 18-19
Dec. 2-3

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